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### Shredding Event Held In Pennsauken On April 13

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission is hosting its annual shredding event at the Pennsauken Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

This paper-only shredding event is for individuals, not businesses. Items that can be shredded include anything that has your signature, account number, social security number, etc., as well as any type of medical or legal information; documents can range from bank statements and credit card offers to tax forms and utility bills.

This is not a recycling event; also, items such as hard cover books, magazines, etc. will not be accepted.

Last year's event was extremely well attended; residents are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to attend.

For more information, visit "Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission" on Facebook.

### Pennsauken Farmer And Food Market To Open Next Month

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Preparations are underway for the start of the brand new Pennsauken Farmer and Food Market. Held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning in May, the Farmer and Food Market will offer a retail marketplace were attendees can shop a variety of pro-

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### Pennsauken's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Held On April 13

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Youth Action Committee and Kingsway Church are partnering together to make this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt bigger than ever before.

The 2019 Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m., at the Walt Nicgorski Sports Complex, located at Powell and Collins avenues. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to children up to age 9.

"This is a great annual event that Pennsauken families look forward to every year; and we're very excited to be working with continued on page 23



Pennsauken Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 at the Walt Nicgorski Sports Complex.

### Have The Best Mom, Dad Or Guardian In Pennsauken?

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Once again, Pennsauken children have a chance to put a spotlight on the man or woman in their lives who they think should be named the Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken.

An annual contest, children in grades three, four, and five in a Pennsauken public, parochial, or private school may submit a letter saying why they believe their mom, dad, or guardian is the "best."

The contests are sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee and the deadline for entries is Friday, May 3.

"Year after year, we get great submissions from the kids about the important people in their lives. We're really looking forward to reading the new ones for 2019," says Elwood Martz, who helps organize the contest. "If you've never sent a letter in for this contest, we encourage those chil-



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dren eligible to participate to do so; and for those third, fourth and fifth graders who sent in letters in the past and haven't continued on page 29

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### **APRILCALENDAR**

#### **Superintendent's Town Hall**

The Superintendent's Town Hall will be held on Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., Room #327. Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi will discuss a variety of topics designed to mold the future of Pennsauken Public Schools. Members of the community and our school families are

invited to attend.

#### **PASA**

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The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken.

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PASA works to increase community awareness about substance abuse, as well as provide prevention programs. The public is invited to attend.

#### **Town Watch**

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

#### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

#### **Trust Workshop**

"Trusting Me, Trusting You: A Workshop," is held on Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 36 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville. Come out and learn new ways to trust yourself and others. The suggested contribution is \$40. Please register in advance at http://bit.ly/H2HAprilWorkshop, by calling (856) 406-6153, or by e-mailing susanweiss@heart2heartinc.org.

#### **Beef And Beer**

VFW Post 1270, 2324 Penn St., Pennsauken, is hosting a beef and beer on Saturday, April 13. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.; Kool Breeze and his Rock n' Roll Band performs at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$45 a couple. For more info, call (856) 317-9081.

### PHS All Years Alumni Lunch Get Together

PHS Alumni from all years are invited to a monthly lunch at the Penn Queen Diner, 7349 Rt. 130, Pennsauken. Receive a full lunch of soup or salad, four entrees to chose from, potato and vegetable, coffee, tea or soda and either ice cream, pudding or jell-o for the total price of \$20 exclusively. The price also includes tax and tip. This month's lunch is on Wednesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Norma at (856) 220-5597.

#### Flower Sale

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Easter Flower Sale from April 17 to 21 in the lodge parking lot. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more information, call Linda at (609) 923-5435.

### Shrimp Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary of AMVETS Post 101,519 June Rd., Delair, is hosting

a shrimp fry on Friday, April 19, from 4:00 p.m. until supplies runs out. Shrimp, fries, and cole slaw are just \$6; add a taste of mushrooms for \$1 or a basket of mushrooms for \$3. Eat in or take out is available. Orders can be placed in advance during the event by calling (856) 663-8950. Walk-ins also welcome.

#### **PHS Town Hall**

The Pennsauken School District has a "town hall" style meeting planned on Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., to highlight programs available at Pennsauken Public Schools. All members of the Pennsauken community, particularly parents and guardians of children preparing to enter high school in the next few years, are encouraged to attend this special town hall meeting.

#### **Oldies Night**

St. Cecilia School is hosting its 13th annual Oldies Night featuring Jerry Blavat, "The Geator with the Heater," on Saturday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. to midnight, in the school hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. Featuring dinner, dancing, beer and soda, 50/50, silent auction, and more. The event is BYOB. Donations are \$40; proceeds benefit St. Cecilia School. For tickets and info, call Jo Howard at (856) 662-0149 or (856) 979-9995 after 5:00 p.m.





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### **R'S** Embracing Spring Cleaning And The Opportunities It Provides



By Jack Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken Township

While we pretty much lucked out when it came to winter weather, I think I speak for most people when I say I'm pretty glad we've put the potential for any "white stuff" in the rear view mirror.

As much as we all look forward to the warmer temperatures, the transition from winter to spring doesn't happen overnight. It's why spring cleaning takes place. People go outside and thatch up the dead grass, pick up fallen branches and other debris and seed their lawn so it can be lush and green. We even open up the windows and clean our homes of dirt and dust. It's all part of our society's annual spring tradition.

I always encourage our residents to do what they can to clean up their properties and neighborhoods. Working together, we can make Pennsauken a community that we're all proud of to call home. For those interested in putting together a neighborhood-wide clean up, you can reach out to our Public Works Department, who would be more than happy to provide the supplies to make it successful. For more information, call them at (856) 663-0178.

Many of you go that extra step, even going so far to help an elderly or disabled neighbor that can't get out as much to help with lawn work and the like. We're all thankful that these folks are part of our town and I hope that they keep up the good work.

And after we've all cleaned up our

properties, inside and out, I challenge you to go one step further. Why not try a more personal spring cleaning? We're not perfect people, myself included. I think we could all benefit on trying to improve ourselves, just like we work on our homes this time of year. It doesn't take much to begin real change in our lives. All it takes is a first, small step.

Maybe you can make an effort to look at the positive things in life, rather than the negative. Everyone complains about their bunions until they meet someone without feet. When you think about it, we really do have a lot to be thankful for.

It could be that instead of dwelling on your mistakes, you could take action to correct them. Regardless of how long it's been, you can always take steps to make things right.

And instead of passing the buck on things, maybe it's time to take some ownership. By taking action yourself, you may be surprised with what you'll be able to accomplish.

So this spring, try to be more positive, more accountable, more truthful. These are wonderful practices to keep. This type

of spring cleaning can help people become a better co-worker, a better parent, a better spouse; even a better public servant.

On behalf of the entire Township Committee, I offer our residents our best wishes for a solemn and happy Passover and Easter.

### **COMING SOON Summer Programs** From Parks And Recreation

Once again, Pennsauken Township's Parks and Recreation Department is offering a wide variety of programs to help our community's children happy and active during the summer months. From arts to athletics, there's a little something for everyone!

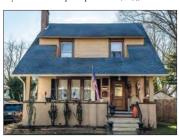
Be sure to check next month's edition of All Around Pennsauken for all of the fun, summertime details!

#### A GREAT COMMUNITY! PERFECT HOME



#### Pennsauken - Meadowbrook

This 2 story colonial is situated on one of the largest lots in the neighborhood featuring: 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths newly remodeled kitchen, D/R, newer gas hot water heater, about 11 years old energy efficient Lennox gas heater, roof and central air Partially finished basement laundry area. All this on a private 60' X 150' lot with 3 storage sheds! Located near major shopping and transportation, and a quick commute to Phila. Short sale. AS-IS, buyer is responsible for any lender & municipal requirements. \$119,900



Pennsauken – Collins Tract

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#### Moorestown - Well Cared for Home

Entryway in this home leads to double glass doorway to your office/study currently being used as a third bedroom. L/R has double glass doors out to your patio with fire pit. Remodeled kitchen features newer appliances and granite countertops custom cabinets, a large center island, tile flooring ,built in wine cooler and a breakfast bar. Laundry in full basement. Seller is offering a \$4000.00 credit for the roof for a reasonable offer. Roof is not leaking or damaged but it is at the end of its life. Home is a Must See. \$279,000



### Merchantville - A Must See!

This is a desirable property located within Historic Merchantville. The property features 4 bedrooms, 2 full bath-rooms & 2 half bathrooms, wood flooring throughout, marble tiled floors, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, an original wood burning fire place that has been converted to gas. Spiral staircase, which takes you to an oversized very master bedroom with a master bathroom that, runs the entire length of the bedroom. This bath has marble tiled floors & walls, gold fixtures & skylights. Open half moon window that allows you to view the backvard This outdoor oasis with inground pool & patio. \$242,900



#### **Pennsauken – Charming Collins Tract Duplex**

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#### Merchantville – Enjoy Historic Merchantville! This four bedroom, one and a half bath freshly painted three

story colonial (circa 1918) features and enclosed front porch, formal L/R with hardwood floors and fireplace, spacious formal D/R, family room with bay window, large remodeled eat in kitchen with granite counter tops and much more. Three bedrooms and remodeled full bath. On the third floor there is an additional bedroom and an office/bonus room. Additional amenities include a spacious back deck Huge Side Yard (possible subdivision) over sized detached two car garage, wrap around driveway, new roof and gutters, basement, gas heat and central air.\$230,000



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### **Team Pennsauken Rides For Fallen Officers On May 10**

Team Pennsauken is made up of members of the Pennsauken and Merchantville Police Departments who ride bicycles with the Police Unity Tour Chapter II. The three-day Police Unity Tour begins in South Jersey on Friday, May 10, with riders visiting some of the towns where officers have fallen in the line of duty before departing New Jersey en route to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. The officers bike close to 300 miles during the tour.

"Team Pennsauken" apparel is available for purchase at the Pennsauken Township Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave., between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The team's logo is on the front of the shirts; on the back are the names of the Pennsauken Township Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty: Of-



Each year, members of the Pennsauken and Merchantville Police Departments ride bicycles from New Jersey to Washington DC to honor officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

ficer William Brey, Officer George Bowman, and Officer Dick Dawson. Short sleeve and Dri-FIT shirts are \$20, long sleeve shirts are \$25, and sweatshirts are \$40; all proceeds go to creating awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum.

For more information, visit "Police Unity Tour-Team Pennsauken" on Facebook.

### PENNSAUKEN APRIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Committee** 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 and 18

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 and 17

**Planning Board** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 and 23

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building

Pennsauken Municipal Building 5605 Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue)

### **Police Hold Awards Ceremony Next Month**

During National Police Week, an annual event dedicated to not only honor America's law enforcement community, but also remember those officers that lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, the Pennsauken Police Department will hold a special awards ceremony during the week of May 12, date still to be determined, at the Pennsauken High School auditorium, 800 Hylton Rd., to recognize courageous men and women who go above and beyond to protect

and serve the Pennsauken community.

Awards fall into several categories named in honor of Pennsauken Police Officers who died in the line of duty: Officer William Brey, Officer George Bowman, and Officer Dick Dawson.

This awards ceremony is open to public. The specific date and time of the event will be announced in the May edition of All Around Pennsauken, as well as online at twp.pennsauken.nj.us and All Around Pennsauken.com.



Next month, the Pennsauken Police Department will recognize dozens of their officers who went above and beyond the call of duty during the annual National Police Week Awards.

### **Opening Day For Trails On April 13**

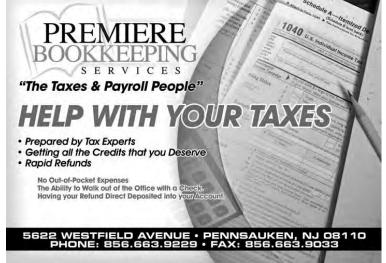
April 13 marks Rails to Trails' seventh annual Opening Day for Trails. People across the nation will kick off the spring trail season by hitting their favorite trails.

In Pennsauken, a special event is being held that Saturday at Madison Park, located at 38th St. and Chestnut Ave. Held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., members of the community are invited to stop by and enjoy food, fun, and refreshments with elected officials and community leaders. Several types of standard bike repair will be offered free of charge and a grant for

the improvement of the rail bed in Pennsauken will be announced.

Learn about the developing trail project, its future footprint and connections to the Circuit Trails, an 800-mile network of bicycle and pedestrian trails. Once completed, the project will connect people to jobs, communities, and parks in the Greater Philadelphia Region. There will also be an unveiling of a new mural by Candice Lee Smith.

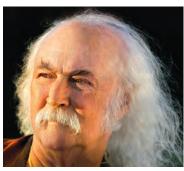
For more information about Opening Day for Trails, visit Railsto Trails.org.







### David Crosby To Kick Off Concert Series Celebrating Camden County's 175th Anniversary



Two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and legendary singer-song-writer David Crosby will be performing at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken on June 1. Photo credit: Django Crosby.

The Freeholder Board is proud to present a free concert by two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and legendary singer-songwriter David Crosby on June 1 at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. The show kicks off a concert series celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Camden County.

"We are thrilled to announce that David Crosby is returning to Camden County, and we couldn't think of better venue to host him than Cooper River Park," said Freeholder Deputy Director Ed McDonnell, liaison to the Camden County Department of Events and Community Outreach. "Each year the Freeholder Board works with our friends at

BRE Presents to provide you with great entertainment. This year, we are planning an amazing line up entertainment to mark Camden County's 175th year."

In Crosby's unparalleled six-decade career, he has created songs that resonate as indelible cultural touchstones for more than three generations, not only as a solo artist, but as a founding member of the Byrds in the mid-60s, Crosby, Stills & Nash, and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. He's collaborated with dozens of artists, including Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Pink Floyd's David Gilmour, Phil Collins, Elton John and Carole King. At 75, Crosby remains as engaged and ener-

gized as ever, with no end in sight.

The Freeholder Board also announced the headliner for the annual Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks at Wiggins Park on the Camden waterfront this year will be Grammy Award winning artist Boz Scaggs.



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### Think Globally, Act Locally, Be Greener

Held on April 22, Earth Day is an annual event that highlights the importance of "being green" and adopting environmentally sustainable initiatives. Many times, it just takes a few small actions to make a big impact. By making green changes in our communities, together we can make a more global impact. The following are a few suggestions on how to be "greener," starting this month.

#### Make A Small, Green Change

Do something simple to improve your environmental impact. Walk or bike to a nearby store instead of driving; fill up a reusable bottle with water instead of a opening a disposable plastic one; make use of canvas shopping bags

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at the supermarket as opposed to plastic ones that wind up in the trash.

#### Take Extra Steps To Recycle

About a quarter of everything consumers place in their recycling cans is actually trash. Remember that only glass jars and bottles, aluminum and tin cans, plastics that have the number 1 or 2 on

them, and paper products including newspapers, white paper, cardboard, envelopes, magazines, etc., are recyclable in our community. These items all need to be cleaned out of any contaminants before they can be recycled. It may be easier to just throw the dirty container in the trash, but if you take the extra time to wash out the empty peanut butter jar and remove the grease-stained portion of your pizza box, these items can truly make an impact when you place them in your recycling bucket. It takes significantly less energy – sometimes as much 95 percent less when it comes to aluminum cans - to manufacture things using recycled items than raw materials.

To help residents recycle personal documents, the Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission is hosting its annual shredding event at the Pennsauken Middle School, 8201 Park Ave., on Saturday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, see the article on the front cover of this issue.

### **Plant A Tree**

The New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign is offering free trees throughout the state this month. The closest event to Pennsauken is held at the Merchantville Borough Hall on Saturday, April 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Interested parties are asked to use the side entrance on West



Maple Ave. For more information, visit "New Jersey Forests" on Facebook.

#### Give Back By Volunteering

There are a variety of opportunities to lend a "green" hand in the coming weeks. The Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission and the Township's Park and Recreation Department have scheduled a community clean up of Tippin's Pond, 421 Cove Rd., Pennsauken, on Sunday, April 14, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. The Pennsauken Environmental Commission will also hold its monthly meeting on Earth Day, April 22, 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5065 N. Crescent Blvd. The public is invited to attend and participate.

For more information on green initiatives and upcoming events, be sure to visit "Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission" on Facebook.

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### Wine And Cheese Tasting, Art Exhibition Held On May 19

On Sunday, May 19, the Strain Estate, better known as Inglesby & Sons Funeral Home, will be hosting a special fundraiser for the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library: a wine and cheese tasting event along with a silent art auction, all of which will raise funds for the Library's very popular Museum Pass program.

The museum passes permit Pennsauken Free Public Library patrons to visit 16 different local attractions for free, including the Battleship New Jersey, Academy of Natural Sciences, Independence Seaport Museum, and Grounds for Sculpture.

Although the Museum Pass program can be enjoyed by Pennsauken Library card holders of all ages, this event is for adults only. This fundraiser will be held at 2426 N. Cove Rd. in Pennsauken, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., in the public rooms of the historic estate and on its beautifully landscaped grounds. In case of inclement weather, the entire event will move inside.

For just \$20 per person, attendees will be able to taste five different wines from New Jersey vineyards; enjoy assorted cheeses and other light refreshments; and gaze at carefully vetted hanging art: paintings, drawings, photographs, mixed media, etc. All art displayed is the work of local artists, many of whom will be

present at our local "gallery." All artwork is for sale through a silent art auction, with a portion of the price going to the Friends specifically for the Museum Pass

For those who want more than a taste of a local wine, additional samplings can be purchased at \$5 a glass. And a few lucky door prize winners will get to take a bottle home!

Tickets may be purchased in advance

by sending a check or money order for \$20 per person to: Friends of the Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. On the day of the event, credit cards will be accepted for payment of tickets and artwork.

Your support of a community-based program that allows Pennsauken Library card holders to participate in the amazing cultural arts in our area is greatly appreciated.





The Economic Development Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., South Jersey Alumnae Chapter is hosting a Black and Minority Owned Business Expo on Saturday, April 6. Held at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the event, which is free and open to the public, highlights a variety of local black and minority owned businesses, including doctors, attorneys, and retail sellers of clothing, crafts, jewelry, Greek apparel, and more.

For more information, search for the "Black & Minority Owned Business Expo" event on Facebook.





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### Festive Music, Food Trucks, And Fireworks Return With Summer Kickoff Bash

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Great music, good food, and the return of fireworks will be the hallmarks of Pennsauken's 2019 Summer Kickoff Bash. Held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, located at the corner of Westfield and Bethel avenues, the entire community is invited to

take part in this special celebration.

"Our Summer Kickoff Bash has all the elements for a great party: good food, music that will get you up on your feet, and an impressive fireworks display," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "Even with inclement weather last year, we had a good turnout. If Mother Nature cooperates, this will be a perfect opportunity for our residents to come out and celebrate."

Several food trucks have committed to provide fare for the Summer Kickoff Bash: local favorite Mama's Homemade Meatballs, which opened up a brick-and-mortar component to their business here in town; Barkley's BBQ, offering the "best soul food in Philly;" Philly Goodfellas, selling Italian-style sandwiches and other specialties; and Kona Ice, featuring cool treats including shaved ice and ice cream.

There will also be great musical performances. InSession is a local band that performs classic R&B, jazz, and dance songs from the 70's to the present day. Also on stage will be the tribute band, The Best of the Eagles, a group of professional New Jersey musicians who are passionate about their love of the Eagles music and who have all worked with numerous national touring artists.



Fireworks will cap off Pennsauken's second annual Summer Kickoff Bash on Saturday, May 18.

Finally, an intense fireworks display will cap off an evening filled with fun and entertainment.

"We're excited to be able to bring our second annual Summer Kickoff Bash to Pennsauken," says Elwood Martz, Parks and Recreation Department, Pennsauken Township. "We hope that our neighbors come out for Pennsauken's new official start of summer."

For more information, visit the Township's website at twp.pennsauken.ni.us.

### Second Annual Nature Enthusiast Day Held On May 4

Pennsauken's second annual Nature Enthusiast Day will be held on Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. to noon, at Tippin's Pond, 421 Cove Rd. Sponsored by Pennsauken Township's Department of Parks and Recreation and Pennsauken's Nature Enthusiasts, the event, open to children ages 7-13, is an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors through a variety of fun activities.

"We're excited to build upon the great momentum of last year's inaugural event," says Elwood Martz, head of Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department. "We hope that even more of our families come out to have some fun by one of Pennsauken's great natural features: Tippin's Pond." Several activities are planned for Nature Enthusiast Day: a fun, nature-focused scavenger hunt; fishing contest (participants must bring their own fishing pole and bait); nature chalk art contest; and bird house decorating. Attendees are asked to dress appropriately for being outside in the woods.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required, as there are only 40 spots available for participants. Registration forms can be downloaded at the Township website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, or by visiting "Pennsauken Nature Enthusiasts" on Facebook.

For additional information, e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or call (856) 665-1000 x151.



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### Lions Club Pancake Breakfast And Easter Bunny Visit Held On April 7

The Pennsauken Lions Club will be holding their 25th annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 7, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Macaro's catering hall on Westfield Ave. Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, make your own omelet station, OJ, coffee, tea, and milk. New this year: the Easter Bunny will be on hand for pictures with the children who attend. Bring your own camera. Besides the bunny, there will also be a basket raffle. The tickets for breakfast are \$10. Raffle tickets are \$5 for three or \$10 for 25.

### **Date Changes For Lions Events**

The Club's membership open house has been rescheduled to Monday, May 20. The Lions hope this change did not inconvenience anyone and that it gives everyone more time to plan to attend. It

will be held at the home of Lion Sharon Rush, owner of Macaro's on Westfield Ave. The dinner is free to anyone interested in finding out more about the Lions

The spring cigar fundraiser has been postponed until Monday, May 6. It will still be held at Steak 38 Café on Rt. 38 in Cherry Hill. The cost is \$65 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and two premium cigars. There will also be a cash bar.

#### **New Assistance Application**

Over the past few years, the Lions have received requests from residents within Pennsauken looking for assistance with oil heat, school trips, hearing aids, as well as glasses, eye exams, and specialty eye surgery.

The Lions established a committee to work with Pennsauken Neighbors Helping Neighbors and other service organi-

zations to develop an application form which will help determine how to best service these various requests. The application form is available by contacting pennsaukenlionsclub@comcast.net. Once the request is received, the Club will meet to discuss. Since the Lions meet every two weeks, the Club has a special committee to meet about emergency requests or if an immediate response is needed. The application does need to filled out for all requests, regardless of whether or not the need is urgent.

The Lions meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at Macaro's catering hall on Westfield Ave. Appetizers and cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; and the meeting and fellowship follows. If you want more information, contact the club secretary, Mary Anne, at pennsaukenlionsclub@comcast.net or call (856) 313-7751.

### Pennsauken's First Responders Recognized By American Red Cross

Last month, the American Red Cross recognized Pennsauken's first responders for their successful "Battle of the Badges" Blood Drive. Over 120 pints of blood were collected, which went on to help 378 patients. Thanks to everyone who participated!



### A Reminder About Smoke And Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Approved 10-year battery smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are now required for housing resale in Pennsauken Township. They must have an approval by Underwriters Laborato-

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### **SENIORCORNER**

By Sonny DiSabato, Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

Sponsored by the Pennsauken Education Association, the Senior Citizen Prom will be on Sunday, April 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken High School Cafeteria, 800 Hylton Rd. This great annual event features lunch; great music to dance to, courtesy of High Noone Express; door prizes; pictures; and more. Immediately after the prom, seniors will be escorted to the auditorium to watch Pennsauken High School's 2:00 p.m. performance of "Godspell." And it's all FREE to Pennsauken seniors!

### Senior Citizen Prom, Senior Spring Fling Held This Month

Seniors can RSVP for the event by calling Sue Fuir at (856) 662-8500 ext. 5239 or e-mail sfuir@pennsauken.net. Please provide your full name, phone number, and number of people in your party.

### Senior Spring Fling Held On April 16

Local seniors are invited to attend the annual Senior Spring Fling, held on Tuesday, April 16, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Collingswood Ballroom, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood. Sponsored by Senator Jim Beach, Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, and Assemblywoman Pan Lampitt, the

event is free to seniors and features a dessert reception, door prizes and dancing and music all afternoon. To reserve your spot, please call (856) 858-3667 and leave a message with your name and the number of people in your party. Space is limited and attendees are asked to RSVP as soon as possible.

Wishing you all health and happiness. Please say a prayer for all those in the Armed Forces serving in harm's way.

### **AARP Tax Prep At Pennsauken Library Ends April 11**

AARP Tax Preparation sessions at the Pennsauken Free Public Library are coming to an end in just two weeks.

AARP tax aide counselors will be at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., on Wednesdays and Thursdays, April 3 and 4, as well as April 10 and 11. Tax preparation sessions occur in the Library's Community Room. Tax preparation hours at the Library will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Library will only be accepting a limited number of daily walk-ins for tax preparation on a first come, first served basis. The Library's front desk will have numbered cards to give out, up to the maximum number of tax payers allowed

for that day. To avoid missing the cut on a specific day or having a longer wait, individuals are strongly encouraged to schedule a time in advance, either online or over the phone.

Residents can register via the web using the AARP online tax preparation appointment system. To make an appointment online, visit http://bit.ly/AARPTaxScheduler; fill in the information requested; pick the date and time preferred; and click "Submit." A confirmation e-mail will be sent immediately afterwards. Canceling or rescheduling appointments can be done online as well at AARP.org.

Residents who don't have an e-mail address or don't want to submit infor-

mation online can call (856) 665-5959 ext. 7 and leave a message with their name and phone number. An AARP tax aide counselor will respond back in 24-48 hours to answer questions and set up an appointment.

Those that come in to have your taxes prepared at the Library must bring a government-issued photo ID for all taxpayers; Social Security cards (not Medicare cards) for each person whose name is on the tax return; ALL tax documents (W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, etc.); last year's tax return, whether prepared by AARP or not; and copies of their last paystub(s) for 2018, if employed last year.





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### **Black History Month Show Pays Tribute To Great African Americans**

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This year, Phifer staff and the student body decided to pay tribute to some of the lives of great African Americans that have passed but left a lifetime of courage, spirit and soul for generations to follow. The Black History Month show this year was entitled, "Faces That Paved History," which included re-enactments of the lives of Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and Billie Holiday.



During this year's Black History Month show at Phifer Middle School, staff and students paid tribute to the lives of great African Americans.

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### **Engineering Day At Pennsauken** Intermediate School

In February, students at Pennsauken Intermediate School celebrated Engineering Day. They worked with their peers to design and create awesome projects. Fourth graders used spaghetti and tape to build the tallest standing tower that would hold a marshmallow on top. Fifth graders used lifesavers, straws, and tape to create a device that

could be powered by a breath of air.

Engineers from Lockheed Martin were present in the classrooms to facilitate with the creation of the projects. Engineering Day concluded with a Q&A session, where students posed interesting questions to the engineers about their profession, challenges, and innovations.



As part of Engineering Day at Pennsauken Intermediate School, fifth graders worked to design and build a device that could be powered by a breath of air.

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### For Read Across America

Former Pennsauken students, who are currently college football players, took some time during spring break to be guest readers at the Intermediate School for Read Across America Week. Students were very engaged and enjoyed the visit from their special guests!



### Franklin Students Raise Over \$3,000 For Kids Heart Challenge

The Kids Heart Challenge, formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart, is a community involvement to help kids and their families who are affected by heart disease.

Franklin students spent about five weeks training and jumping, while collecting donations and making pledges to become heart heroes and live healthier

Students participated in a "red" day of jumping with their classmates, in an obstacle course type extra gym class. Ben Franklin students and staff raised a combined total of \$3.182 for the American Heart Association!



During the Kids Heart Challenge, Franklin students participated in heart-healthy activities and raised over \$3,000 for the American Heart Association.

### Pennsauken Graduates Guest Readers Carson Celebrates Read Across America With Parade

During the first week of March, Carson Elementary students celebrated Read Across America Week by participating in a variety of different reading activities. One of the main events was Carson's annual Vocabulary Hat Parade! Students across the building spent a month creating a hat that was built around a new vocabulary word; words like technology, galaxy, canine, illuminate, and currency were on display throughout the hallway parade!

The students put so much effort into their hats and did a great job presenting what the word meant, its part of speech, how to use it in a sentence, and why they chose the

Great job Carson students and staff for an enjoyable and educational week of reading!



As part of Carson's annual Vocabulary Hat Parade, students created hats built around new vocabulary words.



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### Students Of The Month Celebrate Wacky Wednesday



Delair Elementary's student of the month theme for February was "leadership." Students and staff discussed the word, leadership, and gave adjectives that described that term. On "Wacky Wednesday" during Read Across America Week, students had a snack and listened to a story from Principal Lawrence.

### Delair School "Goes Green" For Read Across America



Congratulations to Ms. Iapalucci and Ms. Sweeney's first grade class, who collected over 6,000 can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey!

Delair School went "green" to celebrate Read Across America Week. Students and staff spent two weeks collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey. They were able to collect 26,259 can tabs. The winning class gets to plant the first seeds in the new Delair Garden. Ms.

Gillis's first grade class collected 3,947 tabs, putting them in third place. Ms. Lukasiak's second grade came in second place with 5,787 tabs collected. First place went to Ms. Iapalucci and Ms. Sweeney's first grade class, with a whopping 6,323 can tabs collected. Congratulations to all!

### Chiem And Rafeh Earn Accolades In Lockheed Martin Speech Contest

Ms. Fagan, a math teacher at Pennsauken High School, nominated senior Ngan Chiem for a speech contest sponsored by the Lockheed Martin Leadership Association. Students from all over South Jersey were invited to participate in this regional competition.

Ngan presented her speech to a panel of Lockheed Martin representatives on her interpretation of leadership. Chiem earned first place, was awarded \$500, and received an all expenses paid trip to Oregon to compete on the national level and have a chance to win a \$5,000 prize.

Pennsauken High School freshman Youseef Rafeh also competed, placing in the top 10 of participating students.

Congratulations to Ngan and Youseef for this great accomplishment!

### **Kindergarten Performances at Delair Elementary School**



Kindergarten students recently performed a celebration of various holidays, including Valentine's Day, President's Day, Chinese New Year, and Black History Month. Their poems, songs, recitations and dances delighted the audience of parents, family, and friends, while highlighting these important cultural celebrations!

### A Week Of Franklin Fun With Read Across America



Camden County Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. was a guest reader at Franklin School during Read Across America.

Franklin celebrated Read Across America with a week's worth of activities, including "Green Eggs and Ham" day and dressing up as your favorite book character. Many retired Pennsauken teachers visited as guest readers. A very special guest reader, Camden County Freeholder, Mr. Louis Cappelli, Jr., read to Miss Vesper's first grade class.

The students also participated in a reading challenge in February and March. If Franklin students read 1,000 books, a surprise activity would take place. Our

to the face for completing the reading challenge! Franklin had a blast!

young learners read 1,611 books during

that time period, so on March 5, The Cat

in the Hat made a surprise visit to the

school! And during the event, Mrs. Gal-

loza, and Mr Jakubowski each got a "pie"

### Carson Babies Initiative Hold Third Event Of 2019



During the recent Carson Babies Initiative, parents learned how to foster social and emotional growth in their children through books and finger puppets.

Carson held its third Carson Babies Initiative event on Feb. 27. Parents, babies, toddlers, and school age siblings all participated in learning about how to engage in literacy practices with their babies/toddlers. The focus for this event was on social/emotional growth through books and finger puppets. Each family received multiple books, a parent tip sheet, finger puppets and other materials to support literacy practice at home.

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Ngan Chiem and Youseef Rafeh competed in a regional speech contest by the Lockheed Martin Leadership Association.



### **Drug Prevention In Schools: The Post D.A.R.E. Generation**

By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Diane Johnson, Vice President; Michael Bortnowski; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Samer John Jarbouh-Rafeh; Scott La Vine; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

It has been approximately nine years since The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program came under fire and

largely disappeared from public school systems across the state. At the height of D.A.R.E's popularity, the program's curriculum was in 75 percent of America's schools, until an audit was performed to evaluate the program's effectiveness. Evidence based research from leaders in education, behavioral science, and policy scholars showed that the D.A.R.E program's zero tolerance policy to alcohol and drugs did not lead to prevention of substance abuse later in life. Although D.A.R.E eventually rebranded its image. public schools are moving towards a system that addresses children's overall behavioral health, as well as implementing programs that reinforce positive student behavior.

What are Pennsauken Public Schools doing to prevent substance use, prevent reckless decisions, and promote students to live a healthy lifestyle in 2019? Here are some of the programs in place at the secondary level.

### **Students Against Destructive Decisions (Pennsauken Chapter)**

SADD's mission is to empower young people to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them throughout their daily lives. The group fosters a sense of belonging, promoting resiliency, leadership, and advocacy skills so that young people make positive life decisions that will carry them throughout life. The SADD Pennsauken

Chapter will be implementing the following programs in the coming weeks:

- "Making Good Decisions" assembly
- Texting and driving initiative
- "Grim Reaper Day," junior prom
- Mock car crash, juniors and seniors
- Weekly PSA reminders of consequences of poor decisions (announcements made in house)

#### Pennsauken Renaissance Program

The mission of the Pennsauken Renaissance Program is to promote student achievement, recognize faculty and staff contribution, integrate parent support, and raise community awareness of an attitude of excellence at Pennsauken High School. Students that are Renaissance cardholders must have attendance that is exemplary; meet specific GPA requirements; and have no disciplinary referrals. Cardholders have access to the Renaissance Lounge, end of year barbecue, gift card drawings, café dollars, and more.

#### **Pennsauken Athletics**

A recent national study found that organized sports participants were 22 percent less likely to smoke cigarettes or use other substances. Sports help keep students be active and receive all the benefits of team camaraderie, which in turn can lead to a sense of responsibility towards others, along with the desire to be their healthiest to perform at their best. Pennsauken Athletics have expanded in recent years and offer many different sports programs students. Athletic teams in Pennsauken also participate in a wide variety of community service projects. Athletic programs in Pennsauken Public Schools can be seen at the website, Pennsauken.net.

The Pennsauken Board of Education and the Superintendent value the need to empower students on a daily basis to make the best decisions possible to meet their future life goals. The Board would like to thank all school faculty, staff, and community partners that have made the commitment to make Pennsauken a healthy place to live and grow.

### **Phifer Middle Schools Holds Honors Breakfast**



Phifer Middle School recognized its honor roll students with their second annual honors breakfast. The event was for students that achieved "distinguished gold" and "gold" cards, which are given to those with straight A's and B's on their first and second marking period report cards.

### Fine First Graders **Enjoy Pizza Party**



Students in Mrs. Doyle's first grade class at Fine school had a pizza party at Montegrillo Cucina Italiana in celebration of everyone earning 100 Class DoJo points. Way to go!

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### **Baldwin Enjoys One Hundredth Day Of School**



Students and staff at Baldwin enjoyed themselves with fun activities during the 100th day of school!

The art and physical education staff at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center collaborated to celebrate the first 100 days of school!

The preschoolers and little learners hopped their way to 100 and counted by

### Carson Raises Funds To Fight Cancer



Students and staff of G. H. Carson Elementary School were invited to participate in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Dress Up Day. For a dollar donation on March 15, participants could wear green to school in honor of local blood cancer patients in New Jersey. Carson School raised \$228!

tens during hopscotch with Ms. Warren. Students created 100-eyed monsters and refined their fine motor skills by counting to 100 using feathers, sticky notes, dots, and stickers!

### Phifer Spirit Step Team Performs At Franklin



During Black History Month, Franklin students were treated to a performance from the Phifer Spirit Step Team, lead by Coach Johnson and Coach Denning. Two Phifer students were even Franklin alumni.

### **Mayor Killion Visits Second Graders At Carson**



While studying the government, second graders at Carson had a special visitor. Pennsauken Township Mayor Jack Killion shared his experiences with the students.

### Baldwin Holds Preschool Parent Engagement Night

With a theme of "Wild About Reading," Baldwin's preschool parent engagement night was a jungle of fun!

Preschool families from all schools were invited to enjoy a meal and participate in a variety of fun activities focused on learning.



### Fine Elementary Recognizes Students Of The Month For February



Congratulations to the following Fine students, who were recognized for "kindness and helpfulness" during the month of February. Pictured are Kaydence Maldonado, Emilio Rodriguez, Saeed Bey, Marilyn Castillo, Lizbeth Sarmiento, Bradley Hefner, Scarlet Ventura, and Yeiren Espinal. Not pictured are Kamill Bratten-Cummings, Liah Perez, Gael Garcia Morales, Isis Muhammad, Jaymarie Batista, Keino Tulloch, Angel Turcios, and Lelianis Lopez.

### Fine Students Read Across America



During "Wacky Wednesday" last month, Elias Cuevas, a pre-k student at Fine School, dressed up like Principal Honeyman.

During the first week of March, the Fine School community celebrated Read Across America in various ways throughout the week.

Students and staff wore green shirts for "Green Eggs and Ham;" donned hats on Tuesday for "Hats Off to Reading," and had a "Drop Everything and Read" day, where students took books with them everywhere they went.

On Wacky Wednesday, students could dress differently and read something different. Elias Cuevas, one of our pre-k students, even dressed up like Principal Honeyman!

Throughout the week, nearly all classes had guest readers. Parents, siblings, and other relatives read to eager Fine listeners.

The joy of reading was in the air on Gladwyn Ave. and Dr. Seuss would be proud!

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### Fabulous Franklin Students Of The Month

In February, 22 fantastic Franklin students were recognized for being January's students of the month. They exemplified the true meaning of being an outstanding student and celebrated with pretzels and juice with Mrs. Galloza,

principal, and Mr. Jakubowski, school counselor. Congratulations to Toby Knox, Liam Thach, Carson Thai, Zion Chism, Tysaan Lacy, Rodman Meyer, Zaccariah Rodriguez, Ajanay Pierce-Walls, Epin Urena, Lucas Mignano, Angelo Cancelliere, Addilyn Clark, Myles Mateo, Matthew Urena, Magali Medina Ramos, Brisa Ventura, Elizabeth Ngeth, Cassidy Shaw, Ceyne Hill, Calvin Steed, Riley Laurick, and Caitlin Shaw.





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### A Springtime Focus On Cleaning Up Vacant Properties

By Tracey Howarth, Pennsauken Township

We have come upon that time of year again. The weather starts to get warmer, the flowers start to bloom, everyone begins to get their yards ready for the summer, and we start preparing for grass cutting season. It's one of our busiest times of the year.

In an earlier article, I mentioned an idea that a concerned citizen had pre-

sented. If we organized our cut list by neighborhood, then we should be able to cut more properties per week. Organizing our weekly list this way would also make a bigger impact in each neighborhood. When one of our concerned citizens shares an idea that can make a bigger impact and that makes life better, easier, and more enjoyable, then without a doubt we should give it a chance.

Our goal is for the Township to cut

fewer properties than last year, because the maintenance companies have stepped up and taken responsibility for their portfolios. So the first thing we want to do is to notify all of our property maintenance companies that grass cutting season is quickly approaching and that they are responsible for maintaining the properties in their care. We expect the maintenance companies to cut those properties every two to three weeks, depending upon the weather conditions.

To initiate the cutting program, we have separated the town by zones We've used our schools, the Township's municipal building, and the Pennsauken Police Department as land marks for each zone. We will start our property list by reviewing the current status of all the properties that we cut last year. Next, our inspector will review the conditions at any of the properties from that list that remain unsold. Those properties will be placed in the appropriate zone; from there, the zones will get prioritized highest to lowest.

As the season progresses, we will try to

send our lists to our contractor with adjacencies in mind. This would keep the proximity of the properties they are cutting each week close enough to continue making the best impact. When an emergency arises, we will address it accordingly.

Last year, we started a program for cleaning up the properties that had severe overgrowth. Our mission was to remove any safety issues and problems with vermin and vermin harborage. We were able to take care of approximately 21 properties in total. We have compiled a preliminary list of properties for this year, in the hopes that we will be able to do this program again. The initiation of that program will depend upon a reduction in the amount of properties we cut, so that those funds can be diverted to dealing with the overgrowth issues.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention pools. As we approach the summer months, we must do everything we can to remove the hazards of pools on unattended properties. This is a very big safety issue; one that we cannot tackle without your help. If you live near a va-

cant property that has a pool, whether above or below ground, please give us a call. Please do not assume that we know about the pool. Once we are notified, we will reach out to the responsible parties and get the issue resolved. If we do not get resolution through that process, the Township will remove as much of the issue as we can and lien the property for the cost of the work.

Spring is here; it's time to get started on those things that have been waiting for you, and look forward to what's possible if you give them a try. The promise of a new beginning, and as our concerned citizen said, "If you take a chance, it could make life better, easier, and more enjoyable for everyone." That's the mission: to do what we can to do just that for our residents.

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look for (slow drainage or a periodic back up). If you experience these problems, consider calling a plumber to check for tree roots. The plumber can remove the roots from your line. And, if you suspect the problem is in the main line, please call the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority at (856) 662-0686, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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### **FOODADVENTURES** Celebrating National Ramen Noodle Day

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

Ramen is a noodle dish made with some sort of meat or seafood broth. The word ramen loosely translates to "handpulled noodles." These and other noodles were invented around 2000 BC in China. Scientists have even discovered fossilized noodles to confirm this. Since that time, the popularity of noodles has taken off worldwide. The versatility of this food staple is amazing and I felt it would be the perfect move to dedicate this month's article to this ancient food and celebrate National Ramen Noodle Day, held on April 4, the right way.

There are two common varieties of ramen: miso and shoyu. This refers to the



seasonings of the ramen dish. If you were to just buy the Top Ramen packs in the store, what you get in this little silver pouches are the simple version of those sauces. They give the ramen the intense, pleasant flavor we are used to. There are even more intense, modern

flavors available now like cheese and extra, extra spicy. I have had both; the spicy ones will definitely make you sweat, but the taste is sublime.

People perk up their ramen in many different ways. I'm a food purest, so I like my ramen with noodles and broth for the most part; my friend puts chicken, veggies and sriracha on hers. I suppose it depends on the mood you're in.

Ramen is perfect as a main course for dinner or a rainy day snack when you just want something simple. It's come a long way from the days when it was just a college kid's cheap dinner option. There are now whole restaurants around the world where ramen sits cen-

ter stage. I visited an eatery in London called Wagamama years ago and they highlight these noodles beautifully. Dishes ranged from a regular chicken ramen, all the way to a shiro-dashi pork or short rib ramen adorned with veggies and other protein fixings. They now have locations in New York City and Boston for anyone stateside that wants to try them out.

If you are looking for ramen closer to Pennsauken, you only have to look as far as any of the noodle houses we have in town. Places like my go-to, Phu Khang, at 5201 Rt. 38; Sakura at 47 S. Centre St. in Merchantville; and even Benihana at

5255 Marlon Pike offer a menu full of noodle dish options. If you want something more low key, I suggest heading out to your local grocery store and buying some noodles to make at home. Have fun playing with flavors and addons to see what you like most. Ramen is a universally perfect food for all ages.

Whether you like your noodles simple or covered in meats and veggies, just remember to always enjoy your Food Adventures.

Be sure to head to my Facebook page, "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures" and share some of your local dining experiences!

### Woman's Club Holds Taste Of Pennsauken/Merchantville On April 29

The Woman's Club of Merchantville's Evening Membership Department is holding its fourth "Taste of Pennsauken/Merchantville" and the surrounding communities on Monday, April 29, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For just \$20, attendees will have an opportunity to sample some of this area's finest cuisine. Many of last year's restaurants are returning and the Woman's Club is look-

ing forward to having more restaurants participate this year.

Last year, over 100 people attended, giving restaurants the opportunity to promote their business. For more information, to register a participating restaurant or catering business, sponsor a table for \$40, or to order tickets, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or e-mail janwh@aol.com. Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships and charities.

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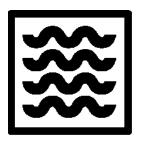
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### MPWC WATERLINES

### **Spring Hydrant Flushing To Begin**

It's that time of year again! The MPWC will begin our biannual hydrant flushing program on Sunday, April 7, until Thursday, April 11, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.; and again on Sunday, April 14, to Thursday, April 18, again from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Here are some of our most frequently asked questions about hydrant flushing:

### Q.) Why are you flushing hydrants?

A.) Flushing fire hydrants serves three primary functions:

### Have you received a direct mail piece for service line protection?

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- Water that may have been sitting in dead end areas is removed.
- Hydrants can be inspected and repaired so they are operating at 100 percent when fire departments need them.

### Q.) Does the fire department know you are using their hydrants?

A.) While fire departments, public works, and sewer authorities use the fire hydrants for various needs, all

of the hydrants are in fact, owned by and maintained exclusively by the MPWC.

### Q.) Why do you flush the hydrants at night?

A.) While the MPWC strives to impact as few of our neighbors and customers as possible, we are also sensitive to the rules and laws that regulate businesses and schools. The MPWC also continues its regularly scheduled work throughout the week. This includes the treatment of water, reading water meters, replac-



ing and/or servicing of water meters, and making repairs to hydrants, service lines, and water mains.

### Q.) How do you decide where and where to flush?

A.) The MPWC is fortunate to have our treatment stations located in such a fashion that it essentially divides the service area into two "zones." From there, the flushing teams use a directional flushing approach, beginning at each station and working out towards the ends of the distribution system.

### **Keep Informed With Reverse 9-1-1**

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### Pennsauken Township Firefighters Receive Generous Donation From Rosenberger NA

Rosenberger NA presented the Pennsauken Fire Department with a \$1,000 donation that will go to support training programs for the town's firefighters.



### Pennsauken's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Held On April 13

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Kingsway Church to make this an Easter Egg Hunt to remember," says Elwood Martz, head of the Township's Parks and Recreation Department. "We'd also like to thank event sponsor Kiddie Junction, for their annual support."

The three egg hunts are broken down by age groups. Each hunt will feature 10 golden eggs. A child that collects one of these golden eggs will win one of several special prizes.

In addition, family members should bring their cameras or cell phones to take free pictures with the Easter Bunny, who will be in attendance throughout the event. A DJ will also be on hand, playing music to entertain attendees.

Children should be at the sports complex no later than 9:45 a.m. The egg

hunts start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and end fairly quickly. In addition, participants should bring a bag, basket, or other container to store their eggs.

The rain date for the event is Saturday, April 20. For more information, call 856-665-1000 x151 or e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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### PEOPLEIN THE NEWS Pennsauken's Cole Surprised With Ninety Cards For Her Ninetieth Birthday

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Longtime Pennsauken resident Edna Cole has made quite the impression on the people who know and love her. During a local pinochle game several years ago, she made fast friends with Irene Monahan, so much so that Irene moved in with Edna; and Cole wound up becoming an honorary member of the Monahan family.

"Aunt Edna" turned 90 years young last month; so Irene, along with her daughters, Stacey, Shelly, Sharon, and Sunday, decided to reach out via social

Last month, a social media campaign helped surprise Pennsauken resident Edna Cole with 90 cards for her ninetieth birthday.



media to have family and friends send Edna birthday cards as a surprise. The request went viral and Edna received 90 cards, one card for each year of her life, from places as far as Florida and

"Edna's an amazing person. We loved the idea of 90 cards and there

was such an amazing response. Even my daughter's preschool class made Edna cards," says Stacey Lowe. "It was great making Edna feel special, because she is."

Cole, who moved to town in 1972 and is still extremely active, is appreciative of all the birthday wishes.

"It was really awesome," says Edna, who hung all 90 cards on her mirror. "How many times does that happen? Most of my family is in Kentucky. I have my adopted family here; and that's plenty. We all play cards and have fun together. That's the secret: socialize and keep active."

### **HEALTHYLIFESTYLES** Dealing With Another Season Of Allergies

By Suzette Price, RN, ASN, IKCN, Pennsauken Township Board of Health

Allergy season is approaching, and many people will have to deal with allergic rhinitis, also known as hay fever. Hay fever is allergy caused by pollen or dust where your eyes and nose are itchy and inflamed causing you to develop a runny nose and watery eyes. And no, you don't have to be exposed to hay or have a fever to have hav fever.

There are two different types of allergies. The first type is seasonal, which occurs in the spring, summer, or early fall from mold, pollen, grass, trees, and weeds. The second type is perennial,

meaning people can have symptoms all year round. This type is caused mostly by dust mites, pet hair, and mold.

Common triggers for allergies are pollen from grass, trees and weeds; pet hair, dust and mold; as well as cigarette smoke, perfume, and car exhaust. Allergy symptoms can consist of a runny or stuffy nose; sneezing, red, itchy, and watery eyes; and swelling around the eyes.

Simple tips to manage hay fever include checking the weather for pollen count daily; keeping windows closed during high pollen periods and using air conditioning in your home and car; wearing glasses or sunglasses when outside to reduce pollen in eyes; and washing hands after being outside or petting animals.

As always, speak with your family doctor regarding diagnosis and treatment.

Sources for this article include Allergic Rhinitis, Retrieved March 16, 2019 from the American College of Allergy Asthma & Immunology, ACAL.org.

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### FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Friends Of The Library Holds Events, Fundraisers, Art Show

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Tuesday, April 16, marks our next Munch and a Movie from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library's Community Room. Bring along something delicious to eat while you watch a fantastic movie; we'll supply snacks, beverages, and of course, the movie. Bring along a friend or two to share the fun. Need to know the name of the movie before the 16th? Check at the Circulation Desk.

Our next Dine to Donate fundraiser food extravaganza happens on Wednesday, April 17,5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Silver Diner, 2131 Rt. 38 in Cherry Hill, across from the Cherry Hill Mall. Bring your appetite and as many friends as you want; let the servers know you're there for the Friends of Pennsauken Library; and 20 percent of your total bill will be donated to the Friends at no cost to you.

### Art Show Held April 29 - May 5

Art projects are soon due for our annual Art Show and Sale, held April 29 through May 5. Entries will be accepted at the Library for all art work on Thursday, April 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and on Friday, April 26, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Art projects fall into many categories—charcoal, pastels, watercolor, oils,

fabric, wood, metal, papier-mâché – so take your pick. All entries will be on display in the Community Room throughout the week during regular library hours, culminating in a Meet the Artist reception on Sunday, May 5, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Participating artists must be residents of Pennsauken or Merchantville in age groups from eighth grade through adult. You can find all the particulars in the Art Show booklet on the lobby desk.

While all the art projects remain on display throughout Art Week, we have a wonderful repertoire of workshops and how-to sessions scheduled. They'll all take place in the Community Room as well. Be sure to register for each workshop you'll be attending on the sign-up sheet at the Circulation Desk, though; space is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Here's what's planned:

Portrait Drawing with Fran Bennett, PHS art teacher, will be held on Sunday, April 28, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants are limited to 15 and all supplies will be provided at no cost.

Making A Sachet Bag with Barbara Piperno helps sewers create a sachet bag from a variety of pre-cut fabric we'll supply. Bring along a pair of small scissors and a thimble if you need one. The workshop takes place Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and is limited to 10 participants. "Card Making" will take place Wednesday, May 1,7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Participants get to create and take home two handcrafted greeting cards under the direction of two experienced card makers. A fee of \$4.00 per participant covers the cost of materials.

Fun With Mixed Media, presented by Eleanor Gribok on Saturday, May 4,1:00 to 3:00 p.m., gives participants the opportunity to create a mixed media piece of their own choosing. Instruction and all materials are provided at no cost.

Finally, we request that all children be 10 years of age or older and accompanied by a responsible adults for the entire session.

### **Poetry Contest Held Next Month**

Have you found your inspiration yet for a poem to enter in this year's annual poetry contest? The contest is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents from kindergarten through adults and submissions are limited to one entry per person. Applicants cannot have won in the previous two years and all entries must be original. We'll be honoring all the winners at our Awards Night, May 22. Entry forms and information have

already been mailed out to area schools, but you can learn all about submission rules, categories, age groups, topics, etc. in the brochure you'll find at the Library's Lobby or Circulation Desks. So time to get busy writing and maybe we'll be honoring you at our awards presentation

on the 22nd!

Look for information on our upcoming Wine Tasting and Silent Art Auction fundraiser on May 19 on page 7 of this issue. Our next Friends of the Library business meeting takes place Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.







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### **GOINGGREEN** Dyeing Easter Eggs The Old Fashioned – And All Natural – Way

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

As the Easter Bunny comes hopping down my street with basket in hand, my thoughts turn to all the lovely colors that Easter eggs can be dyed. Where do those colors come from? If you are looking for a healthier alternative to baskets filled with plastic eggs containing candy and chocolate bunnies, grab the kids and head for the kitchen.

You can hard boil eggs, decorate them with dyes made from ingredients in your kitchen, and then hide them around your yard for the kids to find Easter morning. Keep refrigerated until the night before Easter Sunday; and please don't leave them outside for days.

To get started, fill the bottom of a pot with fresh eggs. Cover with water to

about an inch over the top of the eggs so they are all submerged. Cover the pot with a lid and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Set the timer for eight minutes and not a moment more, or the eggs will develop a green ring around the yolk. Overcooked eggs haven't gone bad, but they do have a slight sulfuric flavor, and they certainly don't look pretty when cut.

When the eggs have finished cooking, remove from heat, drain, cover the eggs with cool water, add ice, and leave until the ice has melted, about five minutes. Drain again and the eggs are ready to be dyed.

Next, head to the fridge to make these kid-friendly egg dyes. To make the dye base, combine one quart of water and two tablespoons white vinegar in a medium pot. Bring it to a boil, add one

dye, lower the heat, and simmer for 30 minutes. Let cool but not to room temperature, then remove the source of the dye if it's a solid. Prepare all the colors to dye the eggs so they are all ready for the next step. The following provides sample colors achieved with natural food ingredients. It's best to chop or mash the dye source to maximize color exposure to your dye solution.

- Beets = pink to red
- Paprika = red purple
- Carrots = orange
- Turmeric = yellow
- Blueberries = deep blue
- Spinach = light chartreuse
- Avocado = yellow green
- Red cabbage = soft blue purple
- Elderberries = deep blue purple

Get a utensil like a slotted spoon. Place eggs in the warm water, vinegar, and dye mixture. Let set at least five minutes, until the eggs have achieved the desired color; remove with the slotted spoon; and place on paper plates to dry. Refrigerate until the eggs are ready to be hidden for the Easter egg hunt.

After the egg hunt has concluded, eat some of the eggs and save some for snacks or to put in school lunches. Revive a tradition long held by our ancestors, including my family when I was young. Yes, I am approaching the age of a dinosaur; that's why I am personal friends with the Easter Bunny! Happy



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Beginning later this month, work will begin on the following streets in town:

- Camden Ave., from 44th to 47th streets
- Jackson Ave., from 41st to 46th streets
- 48th St., from Westfield to Camden avenues
- 43rd St., from Westfield to Camden

avenues

On the above highlighted sections of Camden and Jackson avenues the work will also include the installation of new barrier-free corner ramps, where needed. In addition, sections of curb will be installed were none presently exists.

While work is ongoing, there will be lane closures and detours in effect. Residents should still be able to get in and out of their driveways but can expect delays while the final paving work is in

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### **Tippin's Pond Spring Clean Up Scheduled For April 14**

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission and the Township's Park and Recreation Department have scheduled a community clean up of Tippin's Pond, 421 Cove Rd., Pennsauken, on Sunday, April 14, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., weather permitting.

Volunteers will be picking from the nature trails, fishing on Sunday, April 14. dock, and pond. Attendees

are asked to wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, and appropriate footwear for muddy and uneven terrain. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own work gloves. Children who volunteer



up trash and cleaning brush A spring clean up of Tippin's Pond will be held

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

Back on March 4, as part of a sub-committee representing Camden County's municipalities that recycle collectively, I had the opportunity to tour the ReCommunity recycling processing facility, located in Camden and owned by Republic Services. The visit was triggered by an upcoming audit that the County wrote into the recycling disposal contract. This audit is to determine the quality of recyclables that the participating towns put out at the curb for collection.

### A Recycling Spotlight, Spring Cleaning In Pennsauken

You may recall my mentioning of the ban of plastic bags in recycling and an initiative to "clean up" Pennsauken's recycling. The environmental impact to successful recycling is the main focus. However, as with most things, it all comes down to money. We are currently in year three of a five-year contract.

The contract, established when recycling markets were stronger with China's loose enforcement on contaminated recycling, has a \$5 per ton disposal fee for "residue," or actual trash in the recycling. Trash in the recycling occurs when residents do not place accepted items in their yellow buckets each week, or if they fail to rinse out food jars and the like. Although \$5 per ton is all Pennsauken has to pay to dispose of garbage in our recycling, the actual cost to the facility for trash disposal at the Covanta Plant in Camden is approximately \$78 per ton. It sounds like a deal for Pennsauken and the other towns in this contract. The problem is that this contract will expire in 2021; and that \$78 per ton will be passed along to my fellow Pennsauken residents in our Municipal taxes.

This is where your diligence will truly pay off. The way I look at this, we need to take the next two years to target where this problem occurs in town; educate our residents about what they should and should not recycle; and clean up our recycling stream. The Township's Sanitation Inspector will begin dropping friendly letters off at homes that need to adjust their recycling habits so that they are compliant. We will be providing literature that shows what can and cannot be placed in the recycling along with the letter.

The data we are starting with is the segregation of the Pennsauken recycling loads that were tipped between March 18 and 29. An audit took place on Saturday, March 30, where I witnessed a firsthand sampling of what our residents attempt to recycle. This will likely pinpoint which collection routes need the most attention and I will direct the Sanitation Inspector to begin there.

### **Spring Cleaning**

Springtime is a chance for all of us to help Pennsauken "bloom." During this time, you can count on the crews at your Public Works Department to get our parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields in top shape for the fair-weather activities. From inspecting playground equipment and replacing playground mulch to inspecting and replacing trash and recvcling containers, spring is a busy time.

Wednesday will continue to be the town-wide yard debris pickup day. This is a great way to dispose of branches that may have fallen over the winter because of wind or heavy snow weighing down. We kindly remind you to bundle sticks and branches in lengths three feet or less

and not weighing more than 50 pounds.

The Township's Environmental Commission sponsored a clean up at the Delaware River Boardwalk and Observation Deck on March 23, removing dozens of trash bags worth of debris from the pond and surrounding area. I'd like to thank the volunteers for their efforts in maintaining this scenic body of water.

Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department and the Environmental Commission are hosting a clean up of Tippin's Pond on Sunday, April 14, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The maintenance of the surrounding area of this body of water is paramount in keeping our storm water system free of debris.

Here's hoping for drier days ahead! April showers may bring May flowers, but some sunnier days in between downpours would be most welcome.

### TALKIN' TRASH

THERE ARE NO "TRASH HOLIDAYS" DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. Trash and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and white goods pickup, remain on a regular schedule.

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is holding a free household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Collingswood Public Works Complex, 713 N. Atlantic Ave., Collingswood, N.J. For a list of what individuals can and cannot bring, visit www.camdencounty.com/event/free-household-hazardous-waste-collection/what-to-bring/.

An electronics recycling event will be held on Saturday, April 27, at the Camden County Public Works complex at 2311 Egg Harbor Rd, Lindenwold, N.J., from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information on what is and is not accepted at these events, call Pennsauken Public Works at (856) 663-0178.

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### Have The Best Mom, Dad Or Guardian In Pennsauken?

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The first-, second- and third-place winners will receive recognition and prizes at the Township Committee's meeting on Thursday, May 30, held at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

The winning Best Mom essay for 2018 was written by Junell Alvarez about her

mother, Raquel, a loving LPN who can really cook. Lauren Nguyen wrote about Dennis, her "brave, big brother" who serves in the Air Force, in her winning essay. Clayton Thomas, Sydney McCurry, Hoa Son, and Rachel Biehl received honorable mention in 2018 for their submissions.

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originality, content and ability to express feelings and ideas.

#### How to Enter

All entries for both contests may be mailed to "Best Mom, Dad or Guardian Contest," Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken 08110, Attn. Elwood Martz. Letters may also be e-mailed to emartz@twp.penn sauken.nj.us.

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and why businesses need attorney representation.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on April 10, with the meeting starting at noon. Ad-

starting at noon.Ad- McDowell mission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P.to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, April 8

### Pennsauken Farmer And Food Market To Open Next Month

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duce, crafts, and more.

"We're excited for next month's launch of the Pennsauken Farmer and Food Market," says Elwood Martz, director, Pennsauken Township Parks and Recreation Department. "During the next few months, residents and visitors to our Township will be able to purchase a variety of fresh food items and other unique product offerings in an open market setting. It's a great way to highlight local businesses and bring our community together."

A special kick-off market will be held

on Tuesday, May 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. More information about the Farmer and Food Market will be posted online at the Township's website, twp.pennsauken. nj.us, in the coming weeks.

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#### **Spring Wreath Workshop**

The Pennsauken Free Public Library is hosting a spring wreath workshop on Thursday, April 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and again on Sunday, April 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Create an artificial spring wreath to enjoy in your home for years to come. Please bring your wire cutters, if you have them! Otherwise, there will

be wire cutters available for attendees to share. No experience is necessary and light refreshments will be served. Registration is required; contact the Library for more information.

#### **Earth Day Giveaway**

The Library is celebrating Earth Day by giving-away mini terra cotta pot grow kits. The giveaway will take place on Monday, April 22, while supplies last. Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22 with events worldwide in support of the environment and to raise awareness for the care of our planet.

For more great events at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, don't forget to check out our calendar on this page. We hope to see you soon!

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- Microsoft Excel & Word Thursdays, April 11,18, & 25;6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This six-week class class will provide everything you need to know to start creating documents and spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel and Word. We highly recommend patrons bring in their own laptop to class, if possible. Continues into May.
- Munch and a Movie Tuesday, April 16; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection, please call (856) 665-5959.
- Library Board Meeting Monday, April 22;6:00 p.m. Each month, board members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend.

### For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers

- Wee Readers Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24; 10:30 a.m. Storytime for little ones up to age 2.
- Preschool Storytime Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24; 11:30 a.m.; and Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25; 2:00 p.m. Storytime for children ages 3 to 5.
- Toddler Movement Saturday, April 6 and Thursday, April 25; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for

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- Baby Ballet Saturday, April 6 and Thursday, April 25;11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 2-5.
- Sensory-Friendly Storytime Saturday, April 6; 1:00 p.m. This program is presented at a preschool level and uses books, songs, and activities to engage in developing emerging literacy, social interaction, and both gross and fine motor skills. Ideal for children who are differently abled, may be on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing issues, or feel overwhelmed by noises or crowds. Registration is required. For ages 2-9.
- Tail Waggin' Tutors Tuesday, April 9

& 23; 4:30 p.m.; and Friday, April 26; 2:00 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to practice their independent reading skills with a certified therapy friend from Therapy Dogs International! Pre-registration is required; call (856) 665-5959 ext. 6 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for your 15-minute time slot.

- LEGO Club Tuesday, April 23;11:00 a.m. You bring the creativity and imagination and we supply the LEGO and DUPLO blocks (for use in the library only). For all ages.
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### Report On First Paranormal Investigation Of Pennsauken's Historic Homes Presented On April 7

By Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

On Sunday, April 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House in Pennsauken will be open to welcome the community for history and fun with tours, access to the museums and libraries of each

house, hospitality, and something special! A very unusual program is planned at Griffith Morgan House, when the Pennsauken Historical Society welcomes the New Jersey Researchers of Paranormal Evidence to reveal the results of the first-ever investigation of Pennsauken's two homes for history.

Conducted simultaneously at both houses over two nights last year using sophisticated equipment, this investigation has gathered a variety of data for analysis and interpretation. Also, plans are being made to follow up with additional investigative opportunities for members of the public.

The presentation of the findings will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Griffith Morgan House, with tours of the old house offered both before and after the program. Light refreshments will also be offered.

Burrough-Dover House will also be open and offering tours from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., so you can enjoy your visit to the historic house, museum, and beautiful grounds by daylight, and return on a future evening for a scientific glimpse into

the spirit world, if you choose.

Admission and tours of the historic homes is free and so is the paranormal report program at Griffith Morgan House. There is also plenty of free parking at both sites.

Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Rt. 73. Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Haddonfield Rd. opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light.



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### **April: From The "Cruelest" To The "Coolest" Month**

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

As I write this April column, it is March 22; it's a cold, chilly, blow the trashcans down the street kinda' day.

From my office window, I see 60-foot pine trees swaying gently; a few of the local squirrels doing their squirrely thing; well-fed, feral cats out browsing the neighborhood; and beautiful robins "bob-bob-bobbin' along" at long last!

Although Shakespeare called April, "the cruelest month," I find it the start to everything wonderful. To me, it's the "New, New Year!" It's the first full month of springtime, smack dab in-between the last of winter and the start of our summer vacation thinking on Memorial Day... which is only a month away! Dust off those BBQ grills, folks!

Daffodils are already sprouting; colors fill the trees and gardens; and the Easter season is upon us, along with yet another great reason for me to visit Aunt Charlotte's. No chocolate bunny is safe from my debit card purchase; I can assure you of that.

It is also the month that celebrates the birthdays of our beloved editor, Frank Sinatra; my darling neighbor, Lisa Piza Callaghan; as well as my own 71st birthday. For the record, I'm labeling this year as "seventy-one-derful."

So, whether you are celebrating a birthday this month or not, there are still so many things to honor and find joy in and to smile about, even if you have to look real hard to find them... they are there! I'm rooting for you!

My friends, enjoy this enjoyable month, take each day as it comes, and embrace it! That attitude will always beat the alternative!

Now forgive me as I cut this column short. I gotta' get outta' here. I just saw two of my trashcans blowing down the street

Peace and love and all good things April!

~Judy

### Pennsauken High School Performs "Godspell" For Spring Musical

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken High School is excited to announce their performances of the musical, "Godspell," held April 4-7. This iconic musical, which highlights parables taken from the Bible, has been a long running success both on and off of Broadway.

"I've wanted to do 'Godspell' for years," explains Kate Brown, vocal music director at Pennsauken High School. "It's about a group of people who come together; and when a devastating tragedy happens, they are there for each other. It's about forming a community that takes care of each other. That's a message we really need right now."

"Godspell" first ran off-Broadway in 1971 and received its most recent revival in 2011, with an update to the score and the inclusion of the song, "Beautiful City," in the second act.

"This play has some really awesome music," says Brown. "If you're only familiar with the 1973 version, you'll still know the show, but it's been updated."

Pennsauken High School's performance of "Godspell" is "non-traditional," according to Brown. Where the show is normally done with a cast of around 10, the school is using a much larger ensemble, as there are only two "named" characters: John/Judas and Jesus.

"I'm a very big believer that academic theater should be open to everyone. With other shows, it's 'you are this person.'



Cast members of Pennsauken High School's performance of "Godspell" rehearse in preparation of their performances April 4-7.

With an ensemble like this, you get to create who you are. It's a chance for the kids to play and experiment and figure out who you are. It's a great element of this show."

"I like the concept of [the musical]. How playful it is and how you can make up your own character," adds Neveah Jackson, a junior who is a part of the ensemble and sings in "Learn Your Lessons Well." "You can express yourself in different ways."

"Everyone's involved. We're all part of the play," continues Antonio Candelaria, a junior who plays the role of John/Judas. "No one is left alone. We're all on stage together."

The message of "Godspell" is very much about caring and togetherness, a fact that is not lost on its cast.

"Togetherness is one of the main themes of the show. You don't want to just act that out on stage. We wanted to change our own personal ways," says David Charris, a senior at PHS who plays the role of Jesus. "At first, I was looking at everything through a Biblical setting; but when I broke everything down, I realized it's about a person trying to bring everyone together. That's something we can all try to do."

"Come out and see 'Godspell.' It's a great show and we have some fun things in store for the audience," adds Charris. "People are going to have a fun time, whether they want to or not."

"Godspell" will be performed at Pennsauken High School's auditorium, located at 800 Hylton Rd. The shows on April 4-6 begin at 7:00 p.m. There is a matinee on Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for "Godspell" at Pennsauken High School are just \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Group tickets rates are available for parties of 20 and more; and tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. For more information, or to buy tickets in advance, call (856) 662-8500 x5273.

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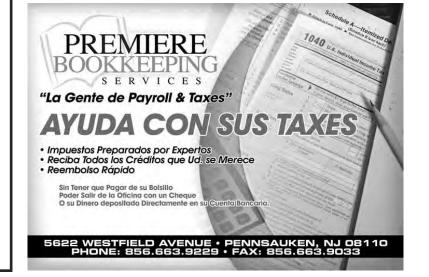
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Congratulations to the 2018-2019 PYAA Wrestling team for an outstanding season!

### **Wrestling Awards Banquet On April 27**

Join us on Saturday, April 27, at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., 9:00 a.m., as PYAA Wrestling hosts their end of the year awards breakfast banquet. Come out and

celebrate with the wrestlers and family members on an outstanding season!

The price for the banquet is \$25 per person. For more information, visit Facebook.com/PYAAWrestling.

### **PYAA Football Remembers Longtime Volunteer "Coach Joe"**

PYAA Football was saddened to hear of the passing of longtime volunteer Joe Manghan on March 22 at the age of 71.

"Coach Joe" was a coach for PYAA Football for over 40 years and a great mentor to his fellow volunteers and players. Even when in poor health, Manghan was a fixture at games and practices, interacting with the kids and

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